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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 02341

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SUBJECT: CHINESE AMBASSADOR: MISSILE SALES - A WEAK  
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHINA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA, ZHANG ZHEN, PAID A  
COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR APRIL 12. AMBASSADOR  
REVIEWED THE STATUS OF U.S.-SYRIAN RELATIONS IN SOME  
DETAIL, EXPLAINING OUR ATTEMPTS TO ENTER INTO A  
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE ON A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES SUCH AS  
THE PEACE PROCESS, LEBANON AND TERRORISM.

3. AMBASSADOR ALSO REFERRED TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN  
THE WORLD, SUCH AS THE DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S.-SOVIET  
RELATIONS WHICH ARE ENABLING THE SUPERPOWERS TO ELIMINATE  
WHOLE CATEGORIES OF MISSILES AND WEAPONS OF MASS  
DESTRUCTION. HE NOTED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE PROGRESS  
IN SEVERAL OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD TO REDUCE THE  
POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT - EXCEPT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE  
NOTED THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE  
OF MISSILE PROLIFERATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS BUT

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